

## PROCLAMATION

### Declaring September 2021 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Marysville

- WHEREAS, each year in the United States more than 15,780 children from birth to 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer, equal to about 42 childhood cancer diagnoses each day; and
- WHEREAS, approximately one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer before their 20th birthday, with this number increasing each year; and
- WHEREAS, there are more than 300,000 new childhood cancer diagnoses worldwide every year, meaning about every three minutes a family will hear the words, 'Your child has cancer'; and
- WHEREAS, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 84 percent, nearly 1,500 American children under the age of 19 still die each year from cancer, making it the leading killer of children by disease; and
- WHEREAS, two-thirds of those who do survive will face at least one chronic health condition later in life, not limited to but including heart, liver, lung damage, infertility, secondary cancers and growth deficits; and
- WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown and more studies are needed to understand which treatments work best for children; and
- WHEREAS, cancer treatment for children often must differ from traditional adult treatments to take into account children's developmental needs and other factors, and there are more types/variances of childhood cancers than adult cancers; and
- WHEREAS, hundreds of children are being treated for cancer in Washington, including at Seattle Children's Hospital; and
- WHEREAS, Marysville is a caring community that supports children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE I, JON NEHRING, MAYOR, on behalf of the City Council and our community, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

### CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Marysville. I encourage all Marysville residents to join me in this special observance.

Under my hand and seal this twelfth day of July, 2021.

THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

  
Jon Nehring, Mayor